

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations through December 15—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12389–S12464

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1766–1777, S. Res. 187, and S. Con. Res. 88. **Page S12447**

Measures Reported:

S. 1382, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to redesignate the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the Family Court of the Superior Court, to recruit and retain trained and experienced judges to serve in the Family Court, to promote consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges to the Family Court and in the consideration of actions and proceedings in the Family Court, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–107)

H.R. 2657, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to redesignate the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the Family Court of the Superior Court, to recruit and retain trained and experienced judges to serve in the Family Court, to promote consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges to the Family Court and in the consideration of actions and proceedings in the Family Court, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–108)

Report to accompany H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. (S. Rept. No. 107–109) **Page S12447**

Measures Passed:

Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act: By 90 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 351), Senate passed H.R. 10, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries, after

taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12390–94**

Adopted:

Daschle (for Hatch/Baucus) Amendment No. 2170, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12390–93**

During consideration of this measure, Senate also took the following action:

By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 350), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Daschle (for Hatch/Baucus) Amendment No. 2170 (listed above). Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was rejected.

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Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12463**

U.S.-Israel Solidarity: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 88, expressing solidarity with Israel in the fight against terrorism. **Page S12463**

Federal Farm Bill: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, and to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 352), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S12406**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Thursday, December 6, 2001, Senate agree to the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1731 (listed above), and then proceed to consideration of H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, provided further that no amendments be in order to S. 1731 prior to Tuesday, December 11, 2001. **Page S12439**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

International Convention for Suppression of Financing Terrorism (Treaty Doc. 106–49) with one reservation, two understandings, and three conditions.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (Treaty Doc. 106–6) with one reservation, three understandings, and three conditions. **Pages S12461–63**

Appointment:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, announced the appointment of Kevin B. Lefton, of Virginia, to the Congressional Award Board, vice John Falk. **Page S12463**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

John P. Walters, of Michigan, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

34 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S12445–46**

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—352) **Pages S12393, S12394, S12406**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 6, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12464.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NORTHERN BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings to examine United States northern border security policy, focusing on ports of entry, security personnel, and compatible communication equipment for American and Canadian law-enforcement authorities, after receiving testimony from Senators Schumer, Clinton, and Stabenow; North Dakota Governor John Hoeven, Bismarck; Vermont Governor Howard Dean, Montpelier; and Michigan Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus, Lansing.

TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the response of the technology sector in times of crisis, focusing on the successes and failures in the aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001, after receiving testimony from John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Joe M. Allbaugh, Director, and Ron Miller, Chief Information Officer, both of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Will Pelgrin, State of New York Governor's Office of Technology, Albany; Craig O. McCaw, Eagle River, Inc., Kirkland, Washington; Roger Cochetti, Jr., Verisign, Inc., and Stephen J. Rohleder, Accenture, both of Washington, D.C.; Julie Coppennoll, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; and Sarah Roche, UPOC, and Joe Sandri, WinStar, both of New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Margaret S.Y. Chu, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, both of the Department of Energy, and Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Rebecca W.